

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

Regional Update

Metropolitan Council Policy Plans

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Regional Planning Process

Thrive MSP 2040 adopted – May, 2014

Adoption of Policy Plans:

- Housing - October
- Transportation - December
- Regional Parks - January, 2015
- Water Resources - January, 2015

System Statements Issued - Fall, 2015

Local Comprehensive Plans Due - 2018

Housing Policy Plan

- Not a formal Met Council “system”
- First major update since 1985
- Met Council role in housing includes;
 - Livable Communities Act Funding
 - Administers Section 8 Housing Voucher program
 - Defines local units’ share of housing need
 - Land use, transportation and water planning

Housing Policy Plan Schedule

- July 23- Draft adopted by the Met Council
- September 9 - CD Committee
- September 11 - Z&P and IGR Committee
- September 19 - City Council
- September 22 - Comment period ends
- October – Met Council adoption

Transportation Policy Plan

- Evaluates transportation system in light of forecasts and trends and identifies challenges
- Sets regional transportation goals
- Identifies priorities for state highway and transit investments
- Establishes strategies to achieve goals
- Thrive MSP 2040 directs the TPP to prioritize investments that help the region move toward:
 - Better stewardship of resources
 - Prosperity and equity for all residents
 - Livable communities that can be developed and maintained into the future (sustainable)

Transportation Policy Plan Schedule

- August 13 – Met Council adopts draft
- September 9 - T&PW Committee
- September 11 - IGR Committee
- September 17 - Public Hearing, Met Council Transportation Committee
- September 19 - City Council
- October 1 - Public comment due

TPP Process & Schedule continued..

- October 15 – TAB review proposed response to comments
- October 27 or 29 – Met Council review response to comments
- November 19 – TAB recommendation
- November 24 – Met Council Transportation Committee recommendation for approval
- December 10 – Met Council adoption

Regional Parks Policy Plan

- Regional Parks include parks and trails that are acquired and managed by counties, cities and special park districts
- Includes park reserves, regional parks, regional trails and special recreation features
- Policy Plan sets priorities for acquiring and preserving regional parks

Regional Parks Policy Plan; Schedule & Process

- August 25th –Draft adopted for comment
- Review in collaboration with MPRB
- October – Met Council Public Hearing
- October – Z & P and City Council
- January – Met Council Adoption

Water Resources Policy Plan

- Help achieve state and federal water quality standards
- Wastewater management & planning
- Strategies for surface water management
- Strategies for water supply management

Water Resources; Process & Schedule

- August / early September – Draft adopted by Met Council
- 45-day Review and Comment period
- November - Consideration by T&PW, IGR and City Council

Questions? Comments?

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